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WRIGHT FAMILY.

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Thomas Wright died in Bedford County in 1763. He made a will dated 15th Dec. 1762; it was proved and probated 22nd Nov 1763. In it he mentions his wife Mary Wright, daughters Elizabeth Wright, May Wright, Abigale Wright, Sarah Wright, Dorcas Wright, Catharine Wright, son John Wright, and son Joseph Wright.

His wife Mary Wright and John Board were nominated as executors of his will.

John Wright died in Bedford County in 1803. Mentions in his will his wife, Elizabeth Wright, and children, viz.,

Tommy Wright married Cynthia Mayse.

Sarah Wright married William Wheeler.

Anthony Wright married Betsy Mayse.

Nancy Wright married James Asbury.

Betsey Wright married Thomas Hambleton.

Polly Wright, married Benjamin Watts.

Rhoda Wright, married Wm. S. Wright.

John Wright.

Joseph Wright married Sally Edgar.

Ruth Wright married Wm. McGeorge.

My mother knew Tommy Wright and his wife, Anthony Wright and his wife and Nancy Wright Asbury. All of these were old persons in her youth. And she knew they were related to her but she did not know the relationship.

Another John Wright died in 1810, will probated in the county of Bedford 25th June 1810. He mentions in will his wife Mary Wright and children:

Jane Hunter, wife of Francis Hunter; son Francis Wright; daughter Susanna Bateman, wife of Benjamin Bateman; daughter Decia Clayton, wife of Thomas T. Clayton; grandchildren, John Lewis Clayton, Betsy Lewis Clayton, children of Thomas L. Clayton and Betsy his wife; daughter Orrey Wright, wife of ——— Bateman; daughter Polly Waugh, wife of A. Waugh; daughter

Sally Wright; daughter Kitty Wright; son Thomas Wright; and son John Wright.

John Wright died in Bedford county in 1814. He made a will dated 28th Dec. 1814, probated 26th Sept. 1814. He left a wife, name not given in will, and children to Wilson Benjamin Wright, son Joseph Wright; grandchildren Mary Watts, Benjamin Watts, and John Watts, children of Wm. Watts, and Ann his wife; son John Wright; son Thomas Wright; daughter Mary Watts, wife of Benjamin Watts; daughter Elizabeth Wright and son William Wright. The witnesses to his will were Wm. I. Walker, John Hopkins, and Price Hopkins. Benjamin Wright was nominated executor of will.

David Wright was appointed deputy sheriff of Bedford County, Oct. 26th 1778.

In the marriage licenses of Bedford county there is a record of the marriage of David Wright, Jr., to Sarah Talbot, daughter of Isham Talbot 28th Sept. 1782, Jas. Steptoe, Secretary.

In the Virginia Colonial Militia: Wm. Armstrong Crozier, Land Bounty Certificate, page 51.

John Wright soldier under Colonel Byrd, 1758, and was then discharged. Bedford County Records, March 1780.

One John Wright, received a deed from George Walton in 1760. Bedford County Records.

Now about the Wright Brothers, inventors of the airship. Several years since in the lifetime of my mother, an article appeared in a magazine in which it was stated that Winfield Wright and his wife Angelina Elizabeth Wright were ancestors of Wilbur and Orville Wright. My mother at once said that she in her youthful days knew this couple and knew that Winfield Wright was related to her, but did not know the relationship.

The county records give the marriage of Winfield Wright to Angelina Elizabeth Evans, daughter of Anthony Evans, 8th of April, 1791.

From the Land Office Richmond, Virginia, I learn that the first Wright patent of Record in that office was issued to Robert Wright for 12 acres situate and being in the Eastward of James City, Sept. 1, 1627. There was a patent to Thomas Wright for 150 acres of land July 19th, 1635. Land Office Records.

In Lunenburg County, Va., in 1760, there is a deed to John Wright from James Mayse, Lunenburg Court Records, 1790. Lunenburg County Deed, Joseph Wright from Tom Jarvis.

Other Wrights are mentioned in the early records of Lunenburg County.

From the Land Office, Richmond, I learn that William Wright received a grant of land in Bedford county, Virginia, 200 acres, Sep. 1, 1780.

I have given you a full account of the Wrights as I have learned of them in Bedford county. In talking with one of the old time colored men whose wife belonged to my family, he told me that some of the large bodies of land which belonged to some of the descendants of John Wright who died in 1803 was always known as "Kentucky Land." He said he understood Wrights were the first settlers on this land. Some of the land is still in the family.